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For: USE OF NATURAL VEGETABLE COMPONENTS AS FLAVOURING
AGENTS IN THE COATING OF CHEWING GUM

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY

MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the acknowledgment of the foreign priority asserted by Applicant, based on Denmark application PA 1998 01540, filed November 23, 1998. This Danish application was identified in the Declaration for patent application filed on August 24, 2001, and was also claimed in International Application PCT/DK99/00649. This U.S. application is a National Phase of the International Application.

The Notice of Allowability issued on August 13, 2003, did not acknowledge the claim for foreign priority. The claim of foreign priority was acknowledged in the filing receipt issued on July 13, 2001.

In a phone conversation with the Examiner, Mr. Arthur L. Corbin on September 9, 2003, Mr. Corbin suggested that Applicant file this request. Applicant is following the Examiner's kind suggestion.

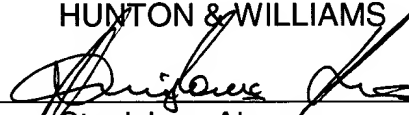
Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a revised Notice of Allowability indicating the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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Respectfully submitted,

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